







## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

HOW THE CHINESE MESSAGE CAME TO BE WRITTEN.

Senator Miller—Private Secretaries—Congressional Proceedings—Minor Matters.

[SPECIAL BY TELEGRAPH TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

Reasons Which Caused the President's Chinese Message.

WASHINGTON, March 4th.—The *Examiner* to-day published a column explanatory of the circumstances which led to the proposal of the Chinese Message by the President. The investigation of Colonel Lee, Consul-General of China at San Francisco, into the Rock Springs massacre, convinced that office that it was a cruel outrage, committed by the American miners upon their Chinese workmen, and so reported to his home Government. When his report was forwarded to the Imperial Chinese Legation here, and transmitted to China through the official channels, the Minister, to whom the Chinese Government were starting, he was directed to demand from the United States a total disavowal of the affair, condign punishment of the offenders, and that they be proscribed, and that indemnity to the sufferers for their loss be paid by the United States. This was an ultimatum. If the United States refused to comply with the demands, it was proposed to wait, until the Chinese Government would immediately proceed to collect the indemnity from American citizens in business in Imperial territory, and withdraw its protection, which would be given up. Simultaneously with this information came to the State Department, from an official source in London, that Marquis de Tocqueville, the Chinese Ambassador to the court of St. James, at St. Cloud, was about to return home to take a high position in the Imperial Council of State, and that he would insist upon some measure being taken against the United States to work up the outrages which the American authorities permitted its citizens to commit against his people, without any attempt being made to reward or punish those who openly favored their depredations. It was the situation when the President sent his message to Congress on Tuesday last. It will be seen that he denies the right of the Chinese Government to demand an indemnification of the depredations. The point upon which the instructions of the Imperial Council to the Minister here admit of no concession. It has been known for a month past that the Chinese Minister intended to bring his bill before the House of Commons on April 1st. It is learned that he has not taken up his final conclusions of the President in regard to this matter. These are simple facts, the article says, from undoubted authority, and they speak for themselves as aids to the comprehension of the President's message in its full importance.

### The President's Recent Message.

WASHINGTON, March 4th.—Congressman Morrow said to-day: "The President's message is not offensive to the people of the country, but it is not satisfactory. It stands that we are a law-abiding people, and that rioting receives our condemnation. The message had to be sent. It was the President's duty, under the circumstances, to do nothing in it reflecting upon the country."

### Riotation Threatened.

WASHINGTON, March 4th.—The following cablegram has been received by the Chinese Minister from the Governor-General of Canton:

CANTON, February 25, 1886.  
A cablegram has been received from Chinese in San Francisco stating that the Chinese in that city are to be dangerously attacked. Hearing this news, the Canton people are furious, and riotation is threatened. What action should be taken in the matter? Can you not ask the President to adopt measures for the protection of the Chinese? I am sending him your cablegram, and if he does not take action, I expect that he will soon be able to resume his duties in the Senate.

### California Swamp Land Contention.

WASHINGTON, March 4th.—The effect of the recent campaign of the Republicans on Senator Miller of California has been to favorably impress his physicians and family are very much pleased at the rapid improvement that is manifested in his condition. The physician which so recently visited him observes that the necessary to recruit his strength, has disappeared, and he enjoys a sound, refreshing sleep of from eight to ten of the twenty-four hours. His physician says that his case is now seems an unfavorable prospect, whatever, and with the return of pleasant weather, it is expected that he will soon be able to resume his duties in the Senate.

### California Swamp Land Contention.

WASHINGTON, March 4th.—Secretary Larson has suggested a bill, containing provisions, in the name of the United States, to obtain the cancellation of patents issued to the State of California in 1882, under the Swamp Land Act, for lands covered by water in the state. The bill provides that the lands in question are to be used for the protection of the two countries. The resolution meets with the hearty approbation of the journalists, except those whom it may exclude hereafter.

### United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 4th.—The Chair laid before the Senate a message from the Board of Indian Commissioners, referring to the annual report for 1885 of the Board of Indian Commissioners. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, concerning his compliance with the recent Senate resolution. Information as to the amount of bonds called for payment April 1st, which are held by national bank. The Secretary states that the amount of bonds held by the United States Treasury in the name of the national banks is \$6,385,550. The letter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Sewell, from the Committee on Library, reported favorably the joint resolution accepting from Wm. H. Hayes and John Dent Grant the objects of value and art presented by foreign Governments to the General U. S. Grant.

On the suggestion of Ingalls, it was changed so that the name of Mrs. Grant should precede that of Vanderveer. Logan said he thought that would be the more appropriate order.

The bill then passed.

Sewell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported favorably the House bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter—the report presented by foreign Governments to the General U. S. Grant.

Sewell added that Logan would later submit a report of the minority.

The education bill was then taken up.

It was not and was rejected upon Dugdale's amendment, offered yesterday, and the amendment was rejected.

When the debate for the day had closed, Mr. Dugdale, of New York, and John Dent Grant the objects of value and art presented by foreign Governments to the General U. S. Grant.

On the suggestion of Logan, it was now more than an adjournment of the Senate. This he said, would give Senators opportunity of attending the funeral services.

The Senate then adjourned.

### House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, March 4th.—The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of War, recommending an appropriation for extra duty pay to enlisted men employed at Fortress Monroe.

Crisp of Georgia, from the Committee on Commerce, presented the views of the military on the subject of the Alaska and the Pacific Ship Railways Company. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The majority, after detailing the objections which they have to the bill, say: We are in favor of the bill, as it stands, for the benefit of private corporations, located and to be operated exclusively in a foreign country, without any corresponding benefit to our country or people.

At the expiration of the morning hour, Cannon moved to lay aside the pension.

appropriation bill for the purpose of taking care of the pension deficiency bill.

Cannon stated that the object of his motion was that the deficiency bill might be immediately passed, in order that work at the navy yards, which had been stopped, might be resumed, and that the men who had been thrown out of employment might again obtain work.

The House refused—ayes 103, nays 148—proceeded to the consideration of the deficiency bill, and went into Committee the Whole on the pension appropriation bill.

After further debate the committee rose and reported the bill to the House. The ages and names were then taken, and the vote was unanimous—103 to 0.

Both of North Carolina cast the only dissenting vote.

The Speaker announced as a special committee "to investigate the cause of the non-delivery of the Pan-American telegrams by certain public officers" as follows: Messrs. Boyle, Oates, Eden, Hall, Hale, Raney, Millard, Hubbard and Moffatt.

The House then adjourned.

### PASSENGERS FROM THE EAST.

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NEWHALL, March 4th.—The following overland passengers passed Newhall-to-day, arriving from San Francisco: J. J. Chabot, Ella Croton, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Mrs. Forsyth, Jefferson, Wis.; Mrs. S. A. Gilman, Hubbard, N. Y.; Mrs. J. H. Davis, Dayton, Ohio; John M. Hoy, wife, Walter Harris, Los Angeles; W. O. Hubbard, Oakland; J. A. Hellingen, Chicago; D. R. Ingram, Kansas City; K. F. K. and William, B. K. and C. F. K. and William, E. D. Lawrence, City of Mexico; F. D. Livingston, Milwaukee; E. McMillan, Nova Scotia; Frank Moore, Omaha; C. G. New Orleans; A. B. McLean, New York; L. S. Pelegre, and children, H. S. Salalagh, Los Angeles; N. Shaylor, George St. Paul; S. Sig. San Francisco; J. Stevens, P. T. Troy, Nellie A. Troy, San Francisco; Thomas, Foster, City, Vt.; T. W. Vesta, and son, A. J. Whitemore, Deming, N. M.; Wyman, and wife, Boston; H. M. Willis, San Bernardino; C. J. Wingert, San Francisco; D. T. Wells, U. S. A. H. P. White, F. E. White, and wife, Boston; Mrs. C. Young, Dayton, Ohio.

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